

Introduction: The Blood That Still Speaks (Hebrews 12:24)

- Jesus is not silent—it **“speaks better things than that of Abel.”**
 - Abel’s blood cried out for vengeance and judgment (Genesis 4:10).
 - Jesus’ blood speaks mercy, forgiveness, victory, and belonging.
 - It continues to speak **now**, in the present tense—powerful, eternal, and spiritual.

Point 1: Mount Sinai v Mount Zion (Hebrews 12:18–24)

- **Old Covenant (Sinai):**
 - Physical, fearful, based on law and human 5 senses — “burned with fire, blackness, darkness, tempest.”
 - Result: fear and separation. (Exodus 19; Hebrews 12:18–21)
- **New Covenant (Zion):**
 - Spiritual, joyful, relational — “You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God.”
 - We are already spiritually seated in heaven (Ephesians 2:6).
 - We’ve come to:
 - God, the Judge of all.
 - Jesus, Mediator of the new covenant.
 - “The blood of sprinkling that speaks better things.”

Point 2: The Blood of Sprinkling: A Spiritual and Eternal Reality (Hebrews 9:11–15)

- Jesus’ blood was **physical**, but after His resurrection it became **spiritual**—operating beyond time and space.
- He entered the **heavenly tabernacle**, once for all, and sprinkled His own blood on the mercy seat.
- **Implications:**
 - It’s eternal—never loses its power.
 - It continually speaks forgiveness, cleansing, and redemption.
- **Subpoint:** The blood’s voice is stronger than conscience, guilt, or accusation (Hebrews 9:14).
 - It *cleanses our conscience from dead works* so we can serve the living God.
 - Our feelings may condemn us, but the blood declares us **righteous**.

Point 3: What the Blood of Jesus Says (Four Key Declarations)

“You Are Clean and Righteous”

- **Scriptures:** Hebrews 9:11–14; Zechariah 3:1–4.
- The blood declares: *“This one is mine—cleansed, forgiven, and righteous.”*
- Conscience may waver, but the blood’s voice never changes.

- Spiritual reality > physical feelings. We must speak truth to our souls (Psalm 42:5).

"The Devil Is Defeated"

- **Scriptures:** Hebrews 9:23, Revelation 12:10–11; John 12:31; Luke 4:6, John 12:31
- The blood stripped Satan of authority in heaven—he can no longer accuse believers before God.
- We overcome by:
 - The blood of the Lamb (Jesus' finished work).
 - The word of our testimony (agreeing aloud with what the blood says).
- When attacked by lies, temptation, or fear—**declare** the blood's victory.

"You Belong to God's Family"

- **Scriptures:** Ephesians 3:14–15; Hebrews 12:23, Galatians 3:29
- The blood names us and claims us: we are part of **the family of God**.
- Our identity and lineage are now spiritual—not determined by earthly ancestry.
- We have a *new name, new inheritance, new destiny*.

"Jesus Still Speaks Through Water Baptism and Communion"

- **Scriptures:** John 6:53–63; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 1 Corinthians 11:24–26.
- Jesus' blood continues to speak through **sacraments**:
 - **Baptism:** represents being buried and raised with Christ (Romans 6:4).
 - **Communion:** a spiritual participation in His body and blood.
- These are not empty rituals—they are *spiritual proclamations* of His death and victory.
 - Every time we take communion, we "proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Cor. 11:26).

Point 4: The Three Witnesses: Spirit, Water, and Blood (1 John 5:6–8)

- These three "*testify*" together — meaning they speak the same message.
 - **The Spirit** – affirms we are God's children (Romans 8:16).
 - **The Water** – baptism's testimony of death and new life.
 - **The Blood** – ongoing declaration of forgiveness and victory and communion.
- All three agree, continually proclaiming our identity, victory, and belonging in Christ.

Conclusion & Life Application

- **Key message:** The blood of Jesus is alive, active, and vocal in the spiritual realm.
 - It speaks louder than sin, guilt, or fear.
 - It declares four great truths:
 1. You are clean.
 2. The devil is defeated.
 3. You belong to God's family.
 4. Jesus continues to speak through baptism, communion, and the Spirit.
- **Believe** – Accept by faith that the blood is speaking *for you*, not against you.
- **Apply** – Like Israel at Passover (Exodus 12), apply the blood by faith to your life, home, and heart.
- **Declare** – Speak out what the blood says; let your words agree with its testimony.
- **Participate** – Take communion meaningfully, with faith and gratitude.

- **Stand firm** – When accused, tempted, or afraid, remember: *"The blood speaks better things."*

Scriptures in this talk

Heb 12:18-24 NKJV - "18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel."

Genesis 4:8 - Cain kills Abel and Abel's blood speaks.

Zechariah 3:1-5 - Satan accuses Joshua before God and Joshua is given clean clothes.

Heb 9:7, 11-14, 22-23 NKJV - "7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; ... 11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ... 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. 23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these."

1 John 1:9, Ephesians 4:27 - we confess to line ourselves up with God's forgiveness and to cleanse ourselves from the devil's influence - not to "get" forgiveness

1 Timothy 4:2 - your conscience can be "seared"

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 - we must take thoughts captive to the obedience of Christ

Psalms 103:1, Psalm 42:5 - David speaks to his soul

Luke 4:5-6 - the devil rules the world

Jhn 12:31 NKJV - "31 "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out."

Rev 12:9-11 NKJV - "9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 "And they overcame

him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

Mark 11:22-24 - "speak to the mountain"

Ephesians 3:14-15 - The whole family in Heaven and earth is named after Jesus

Galatians 3:29 - we are of Abraham's seed and heirs

Romans 6:1-4, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 - Baptism and Communion sacraments

John 6:1-14 - Jesus feeds the 5,000

John 6:22, 26-27, 48, 53, 63 - Jesus the bread of life.

Jhn 6:53 NKJV - "53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you."

1Co 11:24, 26 NKJV - "24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ... 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

1Co 10:16-17 NKJV - "16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 17 For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread."

1Jo 5:6-8 NASB20 - "6 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement."

Matthew 3:17 - Jesus' baptism

Exodus 12:7 - the Passover lamb and blood

Gen 15:6 NIV - "6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness."